Business and Professional Licensing

Point-In-Time Snapshot of Individual & Business Licenses	
Profession	**12/31/2023**
Architects	8,694
Body Piercing & Tattooing	5,120
Cosmetologists	84,469
Funeral Directors & Embalmers	2,089
Geologists	2,045
Limousine & For Hire	1,784
Notaries Public	77,250
Private Investigators	1,588
Real Estate Appraisers	2,934
Real Estate Professionals	47,367
Security Guards	18,387
Vehicle Dealers & Transport/Disposal	7,138
Other	8,772
Total	**267,637**
Type	**12/31/2023**
Total Individual Licenses	235,963
Total Business Licenses	31,674
Total	**267,637**

License Transactions by Channel — CY 2023 Count		
Activity	**Originals**	**Renewals**
Polaris - Paper	6,232	12,208
Polaris - Internet	31,988	114,188
BLS Partner (DOR)*	1,401	11,396
Total	**39,621**	**137,792**
Polaris - Paper	16%	9%
Polaris - Internet	81%	83%
BLS Partner (DOR)*	3%	8%

**BLS = Business Licensing Service; DOR = Dept. of Revenue.*

Firearms Program* CY 2023	
Activity	**Count**
Law Enforcement Inquiries to Firearms Database	4,441,034
Firearm Transfers Received	185,773
Concealed Pistol Licenses Issued by Law Enforcement	141,427
Point-In-Time Snapshot as of 12/31/2023	
Active Concealed Pistol Licenses	696,091
Firearms Dealers	811

**DOL updates and maintains the firearms database for use by law enforcement. As of CY 2023, transfers include both pistol and semi automatic rifles.*

Prorate & Fuel Tax Services	
Activity	**CY 2023 Count**
Fuel Tax Business Audits	180
Prorate & Fuel Tax Licenses	16,344
Annual Fuel Tax Collected	$1,670,302,653

**As of CY 2023 - Prorate & Fuel Tax license counts were updated to include additional license types.*

Uniform Commercial Code* — CY 2023 Count			
Activity	**Internet**	**Paper**	**Total**
Filings Processed	82,758	10,947	93,705
Searches Completed	339,654	1,392	341,046
Point-In-Time Snapshot as of 12/31/2023			
Total Active Filings in Database			693,951

**DOL records liens on personal property and makes information available to the public through searches.*

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Agency Facts	
Driver Licensing Services Offices	52
Vehicle Agent & Sub-Agent Offices	179
Allotted Full Time Positions (FTEs)	1,476

Biennial Budget 2023-2025	
Transportation	$ 430 million
Omnibus	$ 74 million
Total	**$ 504 million**

Revenue Collected — by Recipient	
Recipient	***Fiscal Year 2023****
WA State	$ 2,869,211,509
Other States (IRP, IFTA)	$ 571,534
Local (TBD, RTA)	$ 429,976,252
Other	$ 2,155,203
Total	**$ 3,301,914,498**

**Due to budget cycles, revenue collected by fiscal year is only updated in calendar year-end publications.*

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Driver Licensing

Point-In-Time Snapshot of Card Holders*					
Type	**12/31/2019**	**12/31/2020**	**12/31/2021**	**12/31/2022**	**12/31/2023**
Driver License (DL)	5,779,353	5,888,294	5,920,572	5,977,980	6,033,102
18 years old & over	*5,697,559*	*5,813,840*	*5,841,780*	*5,897,395*	*5,947,940*
Intermediate (under 18)	*81,794*	*74,454*	*78,792*	*80,585*	*85,162*
Identification Card (ID)	709,419	673,205	678,146	705,836	735,508
Instruction Permit	85,486	99,844	91,415	94,235	95,428
Enhanced Documents (Counts are included in Driver License and ID Card counts above)					
Driver License (EDL)	983,098	1,109,141	1,217,679	1,370,028	1,518,366
Identification Card (EID)	34,869	35,333	38,754	45,135	51,216
Endorsements & Restricted Licenses (Counts are included in Driver License counts above)					
Motorcycle	432,490	433,189	429,715	425,440	421,689
Commercial (CDL)	185,755	188,384	187,898	188,476	188,829
Ignition Interlock	4,776	3,340	3,004	2,719	2,644

Transactions/Count: Count of card holders or registrations issued, renewed, or replaced during the reporting year.

Point-In-Time Snapshot: Counts of all current card holders, vehicle/vessel registrations, or licenses on the date specified.

NOTE: Customer transactions can be counted in multiple places. For example, when they have both motorcycle and commercial endorsements, or combination plates (such as personalized on a special background).

DL & ID Renewal Transactions by Channel		
Channel	**CY 2023 Count**	**Percent**
Office	415,654	50%
Internet	379,997	46%
Mail	30,393	4%
Total	**826,044**	

Driver License Testing — CY 2023 Count		
Type	**Licensing Services Office**	**Driver Training School**
Knowledge	25,346	289,978
Drive	9,819	204,817
Total	**35,165**	**494,795**

Regulating Activity	
Action	**CY23 Count**
Hearings & Interviews Processed	24,268
Point-In-Time Snapshot as of 12/31/2023	
Suspended, Revoked, or Canceled*	232,650

**Includes unlicensed and out-of-state people.*

Driver Transactions — CY 2023 Count		
Type	**Originals**	**Renewals**
Driver License (DL)	241,931	745,422
Motorcycle	*13,530*	*53,913*
Commercial	*10,861*	*34,045*
Identification Card (ID)	132,045	82,756
Instruction Permit	102,337	16,255

Individual Abstract of Driving Record (ADR) CY 2023 Requests by Channel		
Channel	**Count**	**Percent**
Office	27,369	14%
Internet	142,738	73%
Mail	24,849	13%
Total	**194,956**	

Commercial Data Broker ADR	
Type	**CY 2023 Count**
Monitored	29,646,998
Purchased	1,987,441

Vehicle/Vessel Licensing

Point-In-Time Snapshot of Currently Registered Vehicles and Vessels*					
Type	**12/31/2019**	**12/31/2020**	**12/31/2021**	**12/31/2022**	**12/31/2023**
Vehicles	8,133,262	8,042,128	8,139,392	8,049,484	8,014,871
Motorcycles	*237,926*	*242,113*	*243,911*	*238,083*	*227,939*
Vessels	223,916	229,117	226,364	218,916	215,200

**2020 counts are impacted by Covid-19 related office closures and renewal notices going out late.*

Email Renewal Notices — CY Counts				
Type Sent	**2020**	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**
Vehicle Email Renewal Notices	534,521	511,533	491,896	493,584
Vehicle Paper Notice*	6,634,772	6,751,410	6,715,153	6,621,510
New Enrollees				
Vehicle	69,434	66,686	61,035	64,644
Vessel	2,325	2,205	1,690	1,634
Total	**71,759**	**68,891**	**62,725**	**66,278**

**Vessels do not have a paper renewal notice option.*

Vehicle Renewal Transactions by Channel		
Channel	**CY 2023 Count**	**Percent**
Office	3,716,472	50%
Internet	3,079,399	42%
Mail	572,399	8%
Total	**7,368,270**	

Vehicle Title Transactions	
Type	**CY 2023 Count**
New to WA	681,142
Transfers	991,601
Modifications	432,334
Duplicates	55,055
Total	**2,160,132**

Vehicle Permit Transactions	
Type	**CY 2023 Count**
Trip	126,982
Dealer/Temp	491,259
Transit	12,416
Other*	6,760
Total	**637,417**

**Farm; Military; Off Road; Snowmobiles.*

Original License Plate Issuances CY 2023	
Type	**Count**
Standard Background	1,374,254
Standard Configuration	*1,332,014*
Personalized Configuration	*3,979*
*Non-Standard Configuration**	*38,261*
Special Background	16,031
Standard Configuration	*13,164*
Personalized Configuration	*2,867*
Metal Tag/Decal	27,021
Total	**1,417,306**

**Exempt, Disabled, Veteran, etc.*